

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between the Title and the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application Number PCT/JP03/10225, filed August 11, 2003. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. --

Page 5, paragraph beginning at line 24 and ending on page 6, line 4:

A plurality of the Al alloy carburetor main bodies (JIS ADC12, die-cast) 1<sub>0</sub> as described above were prepared, and they were subjected to the pretreatment described above. Subsequently, various types of corrosion-resistant carburetor main bodies 1 were obtained by carrying out, in sequence, formation of the ~~Zr~~ Zn base layer 2 using the zincate treatment liquid at 30°C for various treatment times t<sub>1</sub>, washing with water, formation of the corrosion-inhibiting coating 3 using the chromate treatment liquid at 30°C for various treatment times t<sub>2</sub>, washing with water, and drying.